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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1175

**Introduced by Assembly Member Fletcher
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Perea)**

February 18, 2011

An act to add Section 19304 to the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1175, as amended, Fletcher. Franchise Tax Board: refunds: direct deposit: taxpayer form instructions.

Existing law requires the Franchise Tax Board to make a refund to a taxpayer of any overpayment of taxes. Existing law authorizes taxpayers to contribute their refunds for the support of specified funds or accounts.

This bill would require the Franchise Tax Board to revise taxpayer form instructions *for tax returns* to include *information about* the ability of a taxpayer to directly deposit a portion of a refund into the Golden State Scholarshare College Savings Trust, as defined. This bill would require the Scholarshare Investment Board to provide the Franchise Tax Board with a description of that trust program before a date specified by the Franchise Tax Board, and that the revisions be completed in the most cost-effective manner.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 19304 is added to the Revenue and
2 Taxation Code, to read:
3 19304. (a) The Franchise Tax Board shall revise taxpayer form
4 ~~instructions~~ *instructions, for returns required to be filed, pursuant*
5 *to Article 1 (commencing with Section 18501) of Chapter 2 of Part*
6 *10.2 of Division 2*, to include information about split refund
7 options, including, but not limited to, the ability of a taxpayer to
8 directly deposit a portion of the refund into the Golden State
9 Scholarshare College Savings Trust.
10 (b) The Scholarshare Investment Board shall provide the
11 Franchise Tax Board with a description of the Golden State
12 Scholarshare College Savings Trust on or before a specified date
13 provided by the Franchise Tax Board. The length of the description
14 shall be five lines or less.
15 (c) The Franchise Tax Board shall revise the taxpayer form
16 instruction in the most cost-effective manner.
17 (d) For purposes of this section, “Golden State Scholarshare
18 College Savings Trust” has the meaning set forth in subdivision
19 (e) of Section 69980 of the Education Code.